

Violence

Among Oklahoma Public High School Students

What is the problem?

The 2019 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicates that among public high school students:

Violence

- 22% were in a physical fight one or more times¹
- 7% experienced physical dating violence^{1,2,3,}
- 7% experienced sexual dating violence^{1,2,4}
- 15% were bullied electronically¹

School Violence

- 5% carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club on school property⁵
- 8% did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school⁵
- 6% had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property¹
- 7% were in a physical fight on school property¹
- 19% were bullied on school property¹

What are schools in Oklahoma doing about it?

The 2018 Oklahoma School Health Profiles indicates that among schools with grade six or higher:

School Environment

- 98% of schools had all staff receive professional development on preventing, identifying, and responding to student bullying and sexual harassment, including electronic aggression
- 92% had a designated staff member to whom students can confidentially report student bullying and sexual harassment, including electronic aggression
- 37% had ever used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess school policies, activities, and programs in unintentional injury and violence prevention
- 91% prohibited harassment based on a student's perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender identity
- 46% had a School Health Improvement Plan that included health-related objectives involving social and emotional climate

1. During the 12 months before the survey

2. Among students who had dated or gone out with someone

3. Includes being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with

4. Includes kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with

5. On one or more of the 30 days before the survey

For more information about the YRBS please visit URL: <http://yrbs.health.ok.gov>. For more information about the School Health Profiles visit URL: <https://www.okintheknow.org/new-2018-school-health-profiles/>
